

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application, with claims 5-10 and 17-22 having been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 15 may be found on page 23 of the specification, which discusses Manufacturing Example 3, in which an ingot of Co – 29 weight % Cr – 8 weight % Mo and an ingot of Co – 29 weight % Cr – 12 weight % Mo were subjected to drawing. It was found that it is difficult to produce a fine wire having a diameter of 200 micrometers when using the wire drawing method.

As was previously discussed in the Response filed on May 21, 2007, neither of the applied references (Stinson and JP '675) disclose or suggest Applicants' claimed fine wires, which are produced by a melt spinning method. Stinson discloses wire produced by drawing, which is excluded from the claims as presently amended. JP '675 is merely cited for disclosing a Co alloy containing 6 to 12 weight % Mo.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-4, 11-16, and 23-26 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to **Attorney Docket No. 108421-00096**.

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